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Organization

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1. The "Toplivo" Fuel Supply Agency, which was established in 1947, is responsible for the distribution of coal to both Bulgarian domestic and commercial consumers. The central management of the agency, which is subordinate to the Ministry of Internal Trade, is located in a single-story 17-room building at 7 Gurko Street, Sofia.
2. The central management is headed by a general manager (direktor) and his deputy (zamestnik direktor) and has a staff of about 75 officials. The following agency sections are known:
 - a. The Coal Section (Otdel Vuglishta), which employs nine officials;
 - b. The Wood Section (Otdel Durva), which also employs nine persons;
 - c. The Accounts Section (Otdel Schetovodstvo), which has 13 officials;
 - d. The Audit Section (Otdel Inspektorat), which employs 10 persons;
 - e. The Planning Section (Planov Otdel), which has 11 employees;
 - f. The Administration Section (Administrativen Otdel), which has 18 persons, of whom 12 are cleaning personnel and the rest are file clerks, typists, and telephone operators. There is also an official who is in charge of Secret Service (Poveritelna Sluzhba); and
 - g. The legal department, which employs 2 officials.
3. "Toplivo" has offices in each okrug center, which control various branches in the okrugs.
4. The State Planning Commission decides on the manner by which quantities of domestic and commercial fuel are to be allocated.

Distribution of Fuel

5. Until 1952, the quantity of fuel allocated sufficed to meet the demand in full, and the sale of coal and wood was completely free. In March 1953, however, rationing was introduced. Although the official explanation was that new industrial plants had increased the demand, the real cause was mismanagement and red tape. Coal was not distributed to the great majority

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of the population until spring because coal was irregularly supplied from the mines to the distribution depots. Many officials, notably those in charge of the Dobri Terpeshev depot at 2 Zimnitsa Street, Sofia, took advantage of the situation by selling coal rations on the black market.

6. The fuel supply for 1954, although based on 1953, was however, more regular. Coal was allocated to consumers in the following quantities:
 - a. one person 0.5 tons
 - b. two-person family 1 ton
 - c. a three-member family 1.5 tons
 - d. a four-member family 2.5 tons
 - e. a family with 5 or more persons 3 tons
7. The quantity of wood allotted one person doubled from 100 kg to 200 kg, while the amount for a family of two or more increased from 200 to 500 kg. After the rations were distributed in December 1954, coal and wood were put on the free market for the period January-March 1955 and could be purchased at any "Toplivo" Agency.
8. In March 1955, registration for fuel distribution for the year 1955-1956 began at places of employment or at Otechestven Front (Fatherland Front) offices, in the case of unemployed persons.
9. During 1954, the "Toplivo" Agency supplied about 1,200,000 tons of coal throughout Bulgaria. Of this amount, 900,000 tons were supplied to domestic consumers and the rest to industrial enterprises. In the preceding year the agency marketed one million tons of coal.

March 1955 Prices

10. The following (in leva per ton) shows the price of coal in Sofia and in provincial towns:

<u>Fuel</u>	<u>Sofia</u>	<u>Provincial Towns</u>
Brown Coal	120	152
Lignite (from the Chukurovo Mine)	100	80-100
Anthracite	112	112
Chopped Wood	240	216 (roots)

The Sofia price includes home delivery, while the provincial price, which does not, must be augmented about 20 leva per ton to include delivery.

11. Workers pay for fuel by installments at their place of employment. In 1953 there were eight installments, in 1954 four, and seven are planned for 1955. People registering for their supply of coal at the Otechestven Front office must pay for their fuel supply in cash.

Sofia Fuel Storage Depots

12. There are 31 fuel storage depots in Sofia, of which the following are the largest:
 - a. Serdika, located near the Serdika railroad station;
 - b. Peplovets, located near the Peplovets railroad station;
 - c. V. Raztovarishte (unloading place), located near the customs house;
 - d. Gorna Banya in the Gorna Banya Ward of Sofia.

Coal Mines

13. High-quality coal is supplied to industry, while the coal supplied for heating purposes is mostly brown coal, which is composed of about 75 percent lignite, 20 percent anthracite, and 5 percent other substances. "Toplivo" receives its coal supply from the following mines:

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- a. Dimitrovo
- b. Chukurovo near Gabra (N 42-32, E 23-37), Ikhtiman Okoliya;
- c. Pirin near Blagoevgrad;
- d. Bolshëvik (formerly Beli Breg) near Bolshëvik (gara) near Dragoman;
- e. Chernë More in Burgas Okrug;
- f. Marbas in Dimitrovgrad
- g. Bobov Dol, Stanke Dimitrov Okoliya;
- h. Rila in Samokov Okoliya; and
- i. Nikolaevo (N 42-37, E 25-48) near Kazanluk.

14. The ministries of Internal Affairs, Light Industry, Heavy Industry, Transportation, and People's Defense receive their coal supplies directly from the mines.

Personalities

15. The following "Toplive" officials are known:

- a. Ivan Angelov, manager of the Dobri Tarnashov Banat. formerly deputy general manager of "Toplive"
- b. Lyuben Bozhilev manager of the Planning Section;
- c. Georgi Kosturkov manager of the Administration Section
- d. Krustev (fnu)
- e. Damyan Maksimov manager of the Audit Section
- f. Dimitur Nichev, manager of the Wood Section;
- g. Todor Yochkov general manager since 1952

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